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PREVIOUSLY

KER-SPLOOSH

HEAD OUT INTO THE WORLD AND SHARE WHAT I'VE GIVEN YOU! BE FRUITFUL AND TERRORIZE! *MWA-HA-HA!*

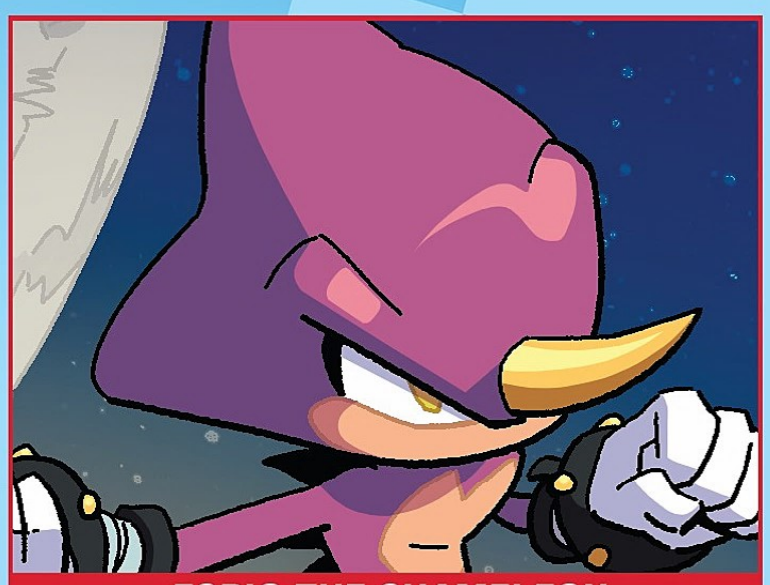
PERSISTENT *AND* AGGRESSIVE. IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR SPEED CAN BURN IT OFF AND KEEP IT IN CHECK, BUT *NOT* CURE IT. LET ME RUN SOME MODELS.

WELL, EGGMAN'S FLYING BATTLESHIP ISN'T GOING TO FIND ITSELF FOR US, IS IT?

ROLL CALL

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

VECTOR THE CROCODILE
Rockin' Lead Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



ESPIO THE CHAMELEON
Ninja Investigator.
Chaotix Detective Agency.

CHARMY BEE
Young Hero.
Chaotix Detective Agency.

CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY, SEASIDE CITY.

...AND SONIC IS INFECTED TOO? *SHEESH*. THANKS FOR THE INTEL, TAILS.

THAT SOUNDED SERIOUS. WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

DETAILS ARE SKETCHY, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE EGGMAN IS BACK, AND HE'S USING SOME KIND OF GOO TO TURN FOLKS INTO ZOMBIE-ROBOTS.

SONIC GOT INFECTED BY ONE OF THESE "ZOMBOTS" AND HAS TO STAY ON THE MOVE TO KEEP HIS INFECTION IN CHECK.

THAT SOUNDS SPOOKY! ARE THEY COMING FOR US?

WE CAN'T RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF—

THE WORLD'S A BIG PLACE. I'M SURE WE'RE FINE.

WHAT WE *NEED* TO WORRY ABOUT IS OUR NEXT CLIENT, WHO COULD STEP THROUGH *THAT* DOOR ANY SECOND!

CRASH

PLINK

NO EFFECT...?!

D-DON'T WORRY, ESPIO! I'LL PROTECT US!

DON'T! YOU CAN'T TOUCH 'EM! THAT'S HOW THE INFECTION SPREADS!

EXIT

I'M CALLIN' A TACTICAL RETREAT! OUT THE BACK, BOYS! WE'LL HIDE—

—IN THE CITY.

Detecti

OSHIMA ST

NAKA DR

ONE WAY

UP THERE! THAT HAS TO BE EGGMAN'S NEW FLAGSHIP!

I'M SORRY, GUYS. I DON'T THINK I CAN FLY US UP THERE...

APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, CHARMY.

STOP

FOR NOW, LET'S HEAD DOWNTOWN AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO!

STOR

GANG

VECTOR TO AMY ROSE! DO YOU COPY?

RESTORATION HQ.

SO MUCH PAPERWORK... WHY DID I AGREE TO THIS...?

OH, NOW WHAT...?

MISS ROSE? AN URGENT CALL FOR YOU FROM VECTOR.

SEASIDE CITY JUST GOT HIT BY EGGMAN! THERE'S ZOMBOTS EVERYWHERE!

OH, NO! I'LL SEND A RESCUE SHUTTLE RIGHT AWAY!

WE NEED BACK-UP! CAN YOU SEND SONIC? ANYONE?

I'LL PUT OUT A CALL TO EVERYONE IN THE AREA. HOPEFULLY SONIC WILL HEAR, OR SOMEONE WILL SEE HIM.

BE CAREFUL!

WELL?

HELP'S ON THE WAY, BUT WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH OR HOW SOON.

WE'RE ON OUR OWN, BOYS.

WHAT'S THE PLAN? WHAT'S THE PLAN?!

HRM... LOOKS LIKE THE PLANTS CAN GET INFECTED TOO. SO GETTING SURVIVORS OUT OF THE CITY ISN'T NECESSARILY SAFER...

GETTING THEM DOWN TO THE DOCKS IS OUR ONLY OPTION.

BUT THAT'S PUTTING OUR BACKS TO THE SEA. THERE'S NOWHERE TO ESCAPE TO!

NOWHERE IS SAFE, ESPIO. AND AT LEAST WITH THE DOCKS WE CAN CREATE CHOKE POINTS.

IT'S THE BEST DEFENSIBLE POSITION WE'VE GOT.

SPLIT UP! FIND SURVIVORS AND SEND 'EM TO THE BOARDWALK! KEEP THE ZOMBOTS BUSY, BUT DON'T TOUCH 'EM! GOT IT?

GOT IT!

ALL RIGHT! THREE! TWO! ONE!

TEAM CHAOTIX!

NYAH-NYAH! LOOK AT ME!

HMPH. FLAWLESS TECHNIQUE.

POP THE CLUTCH!

I ONLY KNOW HOW TO DRIVE *AUTOMATIC!*

GRRR! PUT IT IN NEUTRAL! I'LL PUSH YOU TILL YOU GO DOWNHILL!

THANK YOU!

NO FAIR GANGING UP ON A GUY WHO CAN'T HIT YOU BACK!

WHOOSH

I HEARD YOU COULD USE A HAND.

WHAT IS WITH YOU AND THE DRAMATIC TIMING?!

TAILS SAID YOU WERE INFECTED. SHOULD YOU NOT BREATH ON ME, OR...?

NO, WE'RE FINE AS LONG AS I DON'T TOUCH YOU. THIS WAY I CAN BOP SOME ZOMBOTS BUT...=SIGH=

I'VE GOT TO KEEP SPEEDING ALONG TO BURN IT OFF. AND THE MORE ZOMBOTS I HIT, THE FASTER IT SPREADS, SOOOO...

YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING—GOT IT. WE'RE GETTING SURVIVORS DOWN TO THE DOCKS FOR EVAC.

GOOD PLAN. I'LL COVER YOU AS BEST I CAN.

AND NEXT TIME EGGMAN LOSES HIS MEMORY? I'M THROWIN' HIM IN A CELL!

LESS HINDSIGHT! MORE RESCUING!

THIS WAY! KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! CALL OUT ANY ZOMBOTS THAT YOU SEE!

EEEEEEK!

HERE! RIGHT HERE!

I-I'M NOT ONE OF THEM! I-IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND!

YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME BEHIND!

WHAT DO WE DO?

I... I DON'T KNOW. WE CAN'T RISK ANYONE ELSE GETTING INFECTED... BUT...

TAXI

SMASH

W-WAIT! I WON'T TOUCH ANYONE!

JUST WRAP UP MY ARM! PUT ME IN QUARANTINE!

SMASH

PLEASE!

TAXI

I'M SORRY.

SMASH

THIS AIN'T A SIGHTSEEING TRIP! GET DOWN TO THE DOCKS! MOVE IT!

HOW COULD YOU BE SO MEAN?! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP *EVERYONE!*

I'M DOIN' THE BEST I CAN.

WE'VE GOT TO GET AS MANY UNINFECTED PEOPLE AS WE CAN TO SAFETY!

IF WE'VE GOT TIME, WE'LL COME BACK FOR THE SICK!

B-BUT...

WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO DEBATE. I KNOW IT'S HARD, BUT WE NEED TO FOLLOW VECTOR'S LEAD.

FINE. BUT I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT.

NONE OF US DO. *ESPECIALLY* VECTOR.

WHUD

THE STAIRWELLS ARE CLEAR! HUSTLE!

ALL RIGHT! THE RESCUE SHUTTLE!

NOW THE EVACUATION CAN BEGIN FOR REAL. IT'S GOING TO GET THE ATTENTION OF THE ZOMBOTS, THOUGH. I BETTER—

BRRR... MAN, THIS IS A NASTY FEELING...

I WANT TO PROTECT EVERYONE...

...BUT I'M NO GOOD TO ANYONE IF I TURN INTO A ZOMBOT. BETTER RUN THIS OFF.

FASTER!

I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THEM! FASTER!

WE'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH, BOYS! JUST A LITTLE LONGER!

NO FISHING

...ONE THIRTY-FIVE, ONE THIRTY-SIX...

THAT'S BARELY ANYBODY. THE CITY HAD SO MANY PEOPLE IN IT...

WE SAVED ALL THE *HEALTHY* ONES. NOW WE NEED THE REST!

CHARMY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!

I'M GONNA SAVE THE ONE YOU TRAPPED WITH THE CARS! SHE DIDN'T CHANGE YET! WE CAN STILL HELP HER!

IT'S TOO LATE! GET BACK HERE!

I'VE GOT HIM.

CHARMY! COME BACK! THAT'S AN ORDER!

CHARMY!

I'M BACK! DON'T BE AFRAID, WE'LL GET YOU TO SAFETY!

YAUGH!

NO NO NO!

AHHHH!

VECTOR! ESPIO! HELP!

ZOOM

LEMME GO! I CAN FIND HIM!

WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED?

CHARMY WENT BACK INTO THE CITY! HE HASN'T COME BACK!

AND IF *YOU* GO, YOU WON'T COME BACK EITHER!

WE'VE GOT A CITY'S WORTH OF ZOMBOTS CLOSING IN. WE HAVE TO GO—*NOW!*

THEY'RE RIGHT. *YOU* GUYS GET OUT OF HERE. *I'LL* SWEEP THE CITY AND LOOK FOR CHARMY.

B-BUT...! A-ALL RIGHT...

"I'LL DO MY BEST TO FIND HIM."

NEXT TIME: SONIC VS. GEMERL?!

Hey Squad! *No letters this month, but as a special treat, enjoy this preview of this summer's Tangle & Whisper mini-series! Don't miss out on this fantastically fun story about some of our favorite characters and their friends.*

Meanwhile, even without the Letters Squad, don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you next issue with the debut of Cream the Rabbit!

Without further ado…

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
TANGLE & WHISPER

TANGLE & WHISPER EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW!

TANGLE!

HEY-HEY, *JEWEL!* ABOUT TIME YOU GOT OUT OF THAT STUFFY OL' MUSEUM!

BECAUSE YOU NEARLY KNOCKED THE SIGN OFF FROM OVER MY DOOR. AND YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMEBODY.

PSSHT! I'VE BEEN FLINGING MYSELF AROUND THESE STREETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

I KNOW EVERY ROOFTOP, ALLEY, AND STREET CORNER LIKE THE BACK OF MY—

WHAM

TANGLE.

HEYA, RON. A COUPLE OF CHILIDOGS TO GO...?

LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.

HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE. AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?

TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA OW HA HA

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY *AND* FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...

...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO *BORING* HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!

AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S *TEMPTING*, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*

IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.

AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?

THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.

-INFO-

SPLASH

PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THE BABYLON ROGUES CAME BACK!*

I'LL CHECK IT OUT! YOU HIDE AND TRY NOT TO LOOK EXPENSIVE— *HAHA!*

*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ANNUAL 2019.

SONIC?

SONIC UNDER ATTACK?!

SONIC UNDER ATTACK FROM *WHISPER*?!

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CLINK-CLANK-CLUNK-CLONK

DOCK 071

=SIGH=

EXPERIMENT 11-8.3

JUZZZT AZZZ I FEARED... THE LAZZZT OF THE KRAANG'ZZZ MUTAGEN STOCKPILE HAZZZ RUN DRY.

CLUNK

IT SEEMZZZ I WON'T BE CREATING ANY NEW MUTANTZZZ TONIGHT.

SYNTHESIZZZING MORE WILL TAKE TIME—TIME ***BAXTER STOCKMAN*** DOEZZZ NOT CHOOZZZE TO WAZZZTE!

BUT THAT DOEZZZN'T MEAN I CAN'T EXPLOIT THE... EXIZZZTING MUTANT POPULATION... ***HAHAHA!***

MUTANTZZZ MAY BE MY CURRENT PASSION, BUT THERE'ZZZ ALWAYZZZ ROBOTICS—MY FIRZZZT LOVE—TO FALL BACK ON...

CHOMP-CHOMP

SLURUP

IZZZN'T THAT RIGHT, *ANTRAX* AND *SCUMBUG*?

I'VE HAD NO SUCCEZZZ CONNECTING WITH THE REZZZT OF THE FOOT CLAN SINCE MASTER SHREDDER'ZZZ... INZZZIDENT, BUT YOU TWO IDIOTZZZ WERE EAZZZY TO LURE BACK TO MY LAB.

THOUGH, I DO DIZZZLIKE HAVING TO SHARE MY CHOCOLATE STASH...

THEZZZE NANO-BOTZZZ ARE KEYED TO BOND TO MUTANT DNA, AND WILL TRANSFORM YOU—AND THE REZZZT OF OUR KIND—INTO MY MECHANICAL MUTANT MINIONS!

AND THEN THE WORLD WILL FEAR THE GENIUZZZ OF I, *BAXTER STOCKMAN*, AT LAZZZT!

BLOOP

PFFFFF

SSSSSH

VRRRRRSSSSHHHHKKK

PHLUUU-PHOOSH

YEZZZ! HAHAHA!

CLONK-
CLONK-

CLANK

ANOTHER PERFECT EXZZZPERIMENT!

THIZZZ IZZZ A FINE START, BUT I'LL NEED MORE SUBJECTS IF I'M TO BUILD A TRUE ARMY COMBINING THE BEZZZT OF BOTH THE MUTANT AND MECHANICAL WORLDZZZ.

MY FORMER ASSOCIATEZZZ WON'T BE AZZZ EASY TO CAPTURE AZZZ OUR CURRENT ROZZZTER, BUT PERHAPZZZ I CAN TRY A NEW APPROACH... PURSUAZZZION, PERHAPZZZ? DEZZZEPTION?

OH?

YEZZZ, THEZZZE SUBJECTZZZ SHOULD DO NIZZZELY. *MWAHAHA!*

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